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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

CORNISH, N. H.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 1886, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects:

1st—To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d—To choose a Town Clerk.

3d—To choose three Selectmen, and all necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

4th—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

5th—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.

6th—To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a liquor agent the ensuing year.

7th—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the improvement of the several cemeteries in town.

8th—To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for ten years, any manufacturing establishment, using steam power, that may locate within the limits of said town.

9th—To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the building of a suitable place for the safe keeping of the town records, agreeable to Chapter 74 of the General Laws.

10th—To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise for the benefit of the Cornish Cornet Band.

11th—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for Decoration Day.

12th—To see what action the town will take with regard to the suit of Abel W. Fairbanks, and other suits pending.

13th—To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen not to deliver the blank invoice bills until the first of April, agreeable to the amendment of Chapter 55 of the General Laws.

14th—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair the road leading from near Joseph Raynsford's to the house of Julius Terry.

15th—Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the constitution of this State?

16th—To hear the reports of officers, agents, auditors, or committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal this the twentieth day of Feb'y, 1886.

CHARLES E. JACKSON,
WILLIAM E. WESTGATE,
ALBERT E. WELLMAN,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH.

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1886.

Inventory of the Town, April 1, 1885.

281 Polls	$28,100 00
Real estate, resident and non-resident	380,385 00
391 horses	19,686 00
3 mules	66 00
177 oxen	10,346 00
539 cows	12,746 00
302 other neat stock	5,676 00
5417 sheep	10,192 00
17 hogs	88 00
21 carriages	1,056 00
2 owners of bank stock	3,600 00
39 owners of money at interest	27,438 00
9 owners of stock in trade	4,670 00
11 factories and mills	4,700 00
1 toll bridge	10,000 00
Total valuation of the town	$518,749 00

The rate of taxation on each hundred dollars was $0.83 in money, $0.36 in labor on highways, $0.13 schoolhouse tax in District No. 7, $0.04 schoolhouse tax in Dist. No. 9.

Wilbur B. Quimby	1 50	
George P. Williams	6 03	
Hiram A. Day	18 60	
George E. Bugbee	1 05	
Homer C. Granis	5 82	
Norman A. Deming	5 06	
S. A. Tracy	5 17	
R. Amsden	49 13	
E. C. Howard & Co	3 96	
Edward Bryant	7 20	
W. W. Mercer	25 52	
Harrison Leslie	3 00	
James F. Tasker	37 50	
C. H. Read	1 55	
Wm. E. Deming	14 03	
Henry Walker	2 43	
Charles C. Mason	1 68	
W. H. Harlow	2 40	
Seth R. Cole	10 00	
C. E. Jackson	9 32	
G. D. Kenyon	78	
Henry Gould	6 30	
John Johnson	8 91	
H. A. Day	6 41	
Lemuel Martindale	7 81	
E. O. Day	12 80	
		$259 24

For Labor on Highways and Bridges.

John White	$1 00
Larnard Powers	2 00
Paul Davidson	3 80
Harrison Leslie	2 11
Frank L. Johnson	55 05
W. D. Dow	2 50
N. N. Huggins	4 57
Charles D. Nevens	2 75
Elias S. Leavitt	6 00
Lemuel Benway	39 75

Lemuel Benway	9 87
Wilbur B. Quimby	3 25
L. Martindale, work on Leavitt hill	7 75
L. Martindale, building culvert near F. H. Cass'	30 00
C. H. Swain, building bank wall near Wm. J. Huggins'	50 00
Albert Weld	5 00
George E. Bugbee	11 34
R. Rawson	75
Edward Bryant	29 59
Samuel Putnam	3 06
L. C. and F. G. Hildreth	1 60
James F. Tasker, building bridge	70 00
C. H. Read	2 54
George E. Bugbee	13 75
W. D. Lear	6 71
L. Benway, building culvert east H. A. Day's	18 00
T. A. Allen	1 00
E. A. Churchill	2 50
L. Martindale, labor on culvert near D. Farnsworth's	11 87
W. L. Bugbee	11 00
Wilbur W. Cole	1 50
Moses Walker, building culvert	9 00
G. P. Williams	7 34
C. E. Jackson	4 68
Levi W. Harrington	3 75
Chester Pike, repairing culvert	28 00
George Jackson, labor on highway	3 75
James E. Spaulding, labor on highway	77
Henry Gould, labor on highway	3 40
George H. Ayers, work on highway	7 10
Henry L. Fletcher, work on highway	3 65
Henry L. Walker	7 50
	$489 55

For Breaking Roads.

Arthur L. Wood	$1 70	
John White	2 30	
Alfred Fitch	7 95	
John Conlin	3 90	
C. H. Deming	3 50	
A. L. Sisson	1 00	
H. P. Raymond	4 70	
Adna J. Hilliard	1 60	
Fred G. Tifft	2 83	
George C. Huggins	7 60	
Harvey S. Read	11 50	
W. D. Spaulding	1 70	
Charles T. Sturtevant	3 23	
N. N. Huggins	5 40	
William W. Poole	10 84	
Charles D. Nevens	16 25	
Nathan K. Spaulding	5 80	
W. D. Paget	2 00	
Frank H. Cass	12 00	
George E. Bugbee	4 50	
John Conlin	3 00	
Ernest Quimby	3 90	
Edward O. Day	2 50	
Henry L. Fletcher	2 40	
Geo. Sweet	1 40	
		$123 50

For Improvement of Cemeteries.

H. D. Hilliard, labor in cemetery near W. D. Lear's	$2 00
R. Rawson, labor in cemetery at Cornish Flat	1 00
Seth R. Cole, painting cemetery fence at Cornish Flat	39 00
H. D. Bartlett, w'k in cemetery n'r D. N. Morgan's	5 00
N. J. Ellis, work in cemetery, at Center	6 00
L. Benway, work in new cemetery	4 00
N. N. Huggins, labor in cemetery, Dist. No. 5	6 50
	$63 50

For Incidental Expenses.

O. B. Williams and W. E. Westgate, road machine,	$221 24
Arthur L. Wood, gravel for highway	2 00
C. W. Comings, wood for town house	1 50
Williams and Westgate, interest on road machine,	2 10
Journal Co., printing town reports	24 00
H. W. Parker, retaining fee	10 00
C. H. Adams, surveyor's books and stationery	5 45
C. E. Jackson, bounty on woodchucks	29 90
E. S. Deming, sections for road machine	9 05
E. S. Deming, services with road machine	39 37
A. E. Wellman, bounty on woodchucks	15 90
E. C. Wilder, balance due Dist. No. 3, schoolhouse tax	30 12
Albert Weld, services with hearse	32 00
W. E. Westgate, bounty on woodchucks	28 30
G. L. Deming, special schoolhouse tax	50 00
H. P. Raymond, damage to wagon	1 50
J. F. Raynsford, pass for J. Terry	8 00
C. P. Jenney, entertainment of selectmen and auditors	3 00
C. E. Jackson, expenses in the Abel W. Fairbanks suit	12 88
E. S. Deming, services with road machine	35 00
Herbert Deming, Dist. No. 9, schoolhouse tax	10 00
Frank L. Kimball, part school money due Dist. No. 14	43 50
County treasurer, county tax	1284 40
State treasurer, state tax	1196 00
A. P. Messer, watering trough for 1884	2 00
Wm. D. Lear, watering trough	3 00
W. L. Bugbee, watering trough	3 00
Amos Richardson, gravel for highway	3 00
Fred A. Spaulding, over-tax for 1884	1 36
Mrs. C. P. Hardy, watering trough	3 00
William H. Harlow, watering trough	2 00
Charles Tyler, watering trough	2 00
E. H. Smith, watering trough	2 00

Wm. C. Smith, breaking roads around town house,	1 50
Wm. C. Smith, gravel for highway	50
Seth R. Cole, sweeping town house	75
G. P. Williams, gravel for highway	2 00
L. H. Sanderson, spliting stone	5 00
Charles Mason, for gravel	5 00
Mrs. R. B. Ripley, gravel for highway	1 00
J. W. Pierce, damage to wagon	3 50
E. C. Wilder, special school tax	9 06
Abel W. Fairbanks, watering trough	3 00
Albert Weld, services with hearse	16 00
Chester Pike, gravel for highway, 1884	4 00
Chester Pike, watering trough	2 00
Wm. M. Evarts, watering trough	2 00
G. D. Kenyon, snowing bridge	1 75
John Q. York, watering trough	2 00
John Q. York, damage to plow	2 00
John W. Beal, over-tax, 1884	2 00
G. L. Deming, school-book furnished	1 85
G. L. Deming, printing school notices	50
A. P. Messer, watering trough	1 00
Robert A. Dannatt, watering trough	3 00
Mrs. R. Ripley, watering trough	1 00
E. C. Wilder, over-tax, 1884	1 00
G. W. Hunt, returning births and deaths	4 25
G. W. Hunt, for medical services rendered board of health	3 00
J. C. Boynton, recording marriages, births and deaths	4 65
J. C. Boynton, notifying jurors	3 00
Eben S. Deming, damage to wagon	3 00
H. A. Weld, gravel for highway	5 00
H. A. Weld, printing tax notices	1 50
Foster P. Carroll, over-tax, 1883	1 00
Henry L. Carroll, over-tax, 1883	1 00
Frank Haven, over-tax, 1883	1 00
Charles W. Tyler, over-tax. 1883	1 00
T. Penniman, non-resident highway tax, 1884	91
Henry A. Weld, non-resident highway tax	89 76

C. E. Jackson, time and expenses to Lebanon once and Newport twice	9 00
Edward O. Day, taking affidavits	2 00
Lewis Peasley, over-tax	83
Arthur K. Tasker, over-tax	1 57
B. B. Flint, over-tax	1 39
Orra S. Bugbee, team to Lebanon	1 50
C. E. Jackson, stationery and postage	1 50
S. M. Bugbee, damage to plow	1 00
Chester Pike, damage to cow	30 00
W. L. Kimball, part school money, due Dis. No. 14	6 15
George Dole, over-tax	89
Martin L. Walker, abatement of tax, 1884	5 33
H. F. Bartlett, over-tax	1 00
C. C. Beaman, over-tax	8 29
S. Gould, over-tax	83
Arthur K. Tasker, over-tax	1 50
	$3379 83

For Sheep Killed by Dogs.

Samuel Putnam	$ 5 00	
Frank H. Cass	10 50	
A. L. Sisson	1 50	
Paul Davidson	10 50	
Ed. E. Johnson	3 00	
M. L. Walker	3 00	
Mrs. A. A. Deming	6 00	
W. D. Lear	1 50	$41 00

Abatement of Taxes

Asked for by Chauncy P. Jenney, Collector, 1883.

Elmer Jacobs	$3 00	
Frederick E. Johnson	2 00	
Frederick H. Newman	1 00	
Luke Laundry	1 00	
Fred W. Pierce	1 24	
George A. White	1 00	
E. S. Leavitt	31 46	$40 70

Asked for by Henry A. Weld, Collector, 1884.

Dana Boyd	$2 00	
David E. Britton	1 31	
Edgar A. Royce	1 21	
Amos Keyes, estate of	81	
Elmer Jacobs	62	
		$5 95

Asked for by Henry A. Weld, Collector, 1885.

Estate of E. Mitchell	$0 66	
Lucius B. Jackson	1 76	
Sarah D. Chase	75	
Dana Boyd	83	
Thomas Willet	1 05	
Herbert Dean	1 81	
Fred Dean	1 18	
Lovell Comstock	35	
Estate of Amos Keyes	72	
Charles G. Anderson	83	
Serena Huggins	33	
		$10 27

For Town Officers' Services.

O. B. Williams, services as selectman March, 1885	$6 00	
C. P. Jenney, selectman, March 1885	14 00	
Lemuel Martindale, trustee of Foss fund,	10 00	
George L. Deming, Supt. of schools	50 00	
Seth R. Cole, services as supervisor	6 00	
Jacob Beal, services as supervisor	5 00	
John C. Boynton, services as town clerk	30 00	
Paul Davidson, services as supervisor	5 00	
C. E. Jackson, auditor, March, 1885	3 00	
Henry A. Weld, services as collector	70 00	
Edward O. Day, auditor, March, 1885	3 00	
Orra S. Bugbee, services as treasurer	30 00	
A. E. Wellman, services as selectman	66 00	
W. E. Westgate, services as selectman	63 00	
C. E. Jackson, services as selectman	112 75	
		$473 75

Recapitulation.

Total amount received		$5769 30
Amount of orders drawn:		
For support of schools	$1240 57	
For support of county paupers	63 75	
For support of town paupers	298 04	
For plank, timber, tile, and stone	259 24	
For labor on highway and bridges	489 55	
For breaking roads	123 50	
For improvement in cemeteries	63 50	
For incidental expenses	3379 83	
For sheep killed by dogs	41 00	
For taxes abated on book, 1883	40 70	
For taxes abated on book, 1884	5 95	
For taxes abated on book, 1885	10 27	
For town officers services	473 75	
		$6489 65
Balance against the town		$720 35

Orders Outstanding Against the Town.

1885.			
Nov. 28,	No. 122,	George E. Bugbee	$13 75
" 28,	" 156,	Moses Walker	9 00
1886.			
Feb. 20,	" 179,	A. W. Fairbanks	3 00
25,	" 181,	Samuel Putnam	5 00
26,	" 221,	G. W. Hunt	4 25
26,	" 222,	G. W. Hunt	3 00
26,	" 227,	F. H. Cass	10 50
27,	" 242,	A. S. Sisson	1 50
27,	" 243,	Paul Davidson	10 50
27,	" 255,	Ed. E. Johnson	3 00
27,	" 275,	M. L. Walker	3 00
27,	" 276,	Mrs. A. A. Deming	6 00
27,	" 277,	W. D. Lear	1 50
			$74 00

The Liabilities of the Town

Are as follows:

Due on outstanding orders.....	$74 00	
Due school District No. 14.....	184 96	
Due Lemuel Martindale, agent to repair road, unexpended balance.....	22 25	
		$281 21

The Assets of the Town

Are as follows:

Taxes uncollected for 1884.....	$42 89	
Taxes uncollected for 1885.....	762 05	
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	257 50	
		$1062 44
Leaving a balance in favor of the town of.....		$781 23

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. JACKSON,
WILLIAM E. WESTGATE,
ALBERT E. WELLMAN,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1885.

March 12 Received of W. D. Spaulding, former treasurer, cash on hand, March, 1, 1885..... $1049 05

RECEIPTS.

Received of Selectmen:

Aug. 31	From state, bounty on woodchucks,	76 20
Oct. 24	Int. on Foss fund for support of poor,	112 80

1886.		
Feb. 25	Interest on school fund.....	19 00
27	Railroad tax.....	160 37
27	Interest on literary fund.....	139 69
27	Savings bank tax.....	518 50
27	Of county, for support county poor...	63 75
27	Lebanon, support of Caroline Jackson.	37 56
27	Received of H. A. Weld, collector, interest on taxes, 1885.....	5 90
27	Received of H. A. Weld, collector, interest on taxes, 1884.....	12 00
27	Received of C. P. Jenney, collector, taxes of 1883.....	200 00
27	Of H. A. Weld, collector, taxes, 1884,	484 49
27	Of H. A. Weld, collector, taxes, 1885,	3879 38
		$6758 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid as principal on old orders.....	$85 54	
Paid as principal on new orders.....	6415 65	
Balance in treasurer's hands.....	257 50	
		$6758 69

SCHOOL FUND.

Amount of funds in hands of treasurer, $470 87

DOG FUND.

Received of H. A. Weld, collector, taxes assessed on dogs.....	64 00
Orders drawn for damage done by dogs,	41 00

Orders payable March 1, 1886.

Which is respectfully submitted.

ORRA S. BUGBEE, Treasurer.

JACOB FOSS LEGACY---TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

The undersigned, trustee of the Foss fund, makes the following report:

June 17, 1881, received of James M. Davidson, former trustee of the Foss fund, the amount of the legacy paid by the executor of the will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased		$2820 00
Received as interest on said fund for the year ending Sept. 14, 1885		169 20
Paid to the selectmen of Cornish to be appropriated for the support of the poor of the town		112 80
Balance of interest to be appropriated for flags and fixtures and putting up the same	$56 40	
Add interest unexpended last year	14 71	
		$71 11
Cash paid James S. Tasker for getting out and putting up two flag-poles	65 00	
Cash paid Boynton Brothers for 46 pounds of rope for flags	6 44	
Personal services	3 00	
		$74 44
Interest over expended		$3 33

Which is respectfully submitted.

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Trustee.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned, having examined the foregoing statement, to which the selectmen, treasurer, trustee of the Foss Fund, and agents of the town of Cornish have affixed their respective signatures, do hereby certify that we find their accounts properly vouched and correctly cast.

EDWARD O. DAY,
GEORGE H. BOYNTON, } Auditors.

REPORT.

OF THE.

Superintendent of Schools.

CITIZENS OF CORNISH:

I would respectfully submit the following report of the common schools taught in town during the past year,—

Thirty-one schools in all have been taught. The number of different teachers employed was twenty-one,—four males, seventeen females,—five of which were beginners. Our schools, taken as a whole, compare very favorably with last year. In a few of the districts there has been a decided improvement. Observation in the several schools, together with my own personal experience in the school-room, strengthen my convictions that mo t of the suggestions made in my report last year were well taken; that more of our schools suffer from a lack of order than from any, and perhaps every, other cause; that all our schools should attain the same degree of success, is, from the very nature of things, impossible; that there has been nearly as many shades of excellence as schools, is the fact. Yet there has been no school to which the term failure could properly be applied. Again, there is a wide difference in schools,—some easy to govern, others the reverse; again, a teacher may succeed well in a school easily governed and nearly fail in another of the opposite kind. There is, apparently, but a limited number of teachers suited to our hardest schools. Young ladies are not expected to be skilled in the science of fencing; nor are they the muscular athletes which a few schools appear to require. I am pleased to be able to say there has apparently been less of the spirit of insubordination shown during the past year than came to my knowledge the preceding year. Further, there should always be a kind of charity for the short-comings of beginners. There is something to be learned even in school-keeping.

The number of children enrolled by the selectmen is 177; males, 97; females, 80. It is impossible to answer several questions required by law, owing to the careless manner in which the registers have been kept. Quite a class of questions are asked in the registers, to be answered by the teacher of the last term in the school year, but in some instances no attempt is made to answer them by the teacher; thus bringing a vast amount of additional labor upon the superintendent of schools in his attempt to report to the superintendent of public instruction, and even then, after all his painstaking, his report is but approximately correct. It would be well if some teachers would read the law, to be found on the first page of the cover of their registers. Several teachers, however, have carefully answered nearly all these questions, but I think in not more than three instances have registers been correctly filled by the last teacher. Since we are now to say farewell to a system, which, though faulty in more respects than one, nevertheless, has, when properly managed, graduated as fine scholars as any system probably ever will, yet, whether we may individually believe the new law to be wise or otherwise, the educational interest should not be allowed to suffer; and no system can be a success which does not receive the support of the people; and whatever the system under which we are placed, it is clearly the duty of all to make the most and best of it;—some of the foreseen evils of the new way may disappear; possibly additional legislation may be necessary to remove some objections and make it the more effective.

A few words in addition to each separate school:

District No. 1—W. E. Chadbourne's. Prudential committee, Sylvester L. Dunsmoor; amount of school money, $146.18; length of summer term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average daily attendance, 9.98; taught by Nella S. Read of Windsor. For the past two years the pupils in this school have seemed a little disorderly. I found the teacher endeavoring to do her best, but this is rather a difficult school in which to place a beginner, young in years. Length of the winter term, 9.8 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average daily attendance, 14.35; taught by Herbert Deming, a teacher of experience, possessing the necessary muscular qualifications. He brought order out of chaos, and has given this school a start—a disciplining which was much needed. The closing examination was highly creditable to teacher and pupils.

District No. 2—(Above the bridge.) Prudential committee, Edward Bryant; amount of school money, $109.29; length of summer term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average daily attendance, 4.68; taught by Mary E. Thompson of Windsor. Length of fall term, 6 weeks; num-

ber of scholars, 8; daily attendance, 8, Length of winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 5; both terms taught by Mattie E. Westgate. All these schools were very good, and, considering the small number of scholars, more enthusiasm aroused and interest taken than is usually found in small schools.

District No. 3—Tracy's. Prudential committee, Erwin C. Wilder; amount of school money, $77.62; length of summer school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 12; average daily attendance, 11; taught by Lizzie M. Freeman of Plainfield; an excellent school; closing examination very satisfactory. Length of winter term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average daily attendance, 14; taught by L. Esther Jordan of Plainfield. Good progress seemed to have been made; but in the winter this school needs a male teacher.

District No. 4—Dingleton. Prudential committee, George P. Williams; amount of school money, $44.87; length of summer term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average daily attendance, 5; length of fall term, 11.04 weeks; number pupils, 5; average attendance, 4.98; taught by Minnie L. Wood, with the same success that characterized her work in this school last year.

District No. 5—Walker's. Prudential committee, George Cole; amount of school money, $62.17; length of summer school, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average daily attendance, 10.4; taught by Kate B. Clough of Weathersfield. Length of winter school, 10.7 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average daily attendance, 11; taught by Nettie Churchill. I found both of these teachers painstaking and anxious to give satisfaction. Closing examinations creditable.

District No. 6—Flat. Prudential committee, Charles H. Andrews; amount of school money, $170.39; length of summer term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average daily attendance, 14. Length of fall term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 17; average daily attendance, 13; taught by Addie J. Parker of Windsor. The scholars became a little restless toward the close of the second term, but those present when I visited it seemed to have made good progress. Length of winter term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 33; average daily attendance, 31.25; taught by your committee. It would illy become me not to thank the parents of this district for the support, which, during two winters, they have given, also the pupils for the deference which has, at all times, been shown me.

DISTRICT NO. 7—Center. Prudential committee, Levi W. Harrington; amount of school money, $102.47; length of summer term, 8 weeks; fall term, 6, and winter term 7.9 weeks; number of scholars in summer, 14; average attendance, 13; number of scholars in fall and winter terms, 19; average attendance, 18; taught by Julia A. Whitaker of Meridan. The school was lengthened by private contribution. Miss Whitaker had charge of this school last year, and appears to have retained the reputation then earned. Closing examinations satisfactory. It is usually the part of wisdom to retain the services of a good teacher for successive terms when possible to do so. This is one of the most interesting schools to be found in town, and gives evidence of the training received.

DISTRICT NO. 8—Goward's. Prudential committee, Joseph Chase; amount of school money, $119.66; length of summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6.9; taught by Mattie A. Ellis. Kindly feelings seemed to exist between teacher and scholars, and good progress was apparent. Length of winter term, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance 8.8; taught by Mr. E. H. Burnham of Putney, Vt. This was Mr. Burnham's first attempt at teaching, but he succeeded admirably. Closing examination highly creditable.

DISTRICT NO. 9—Town house. Prudential committee, Herbert Deming; amount of school money, $66.06; length of fall and winter term, 15 weeks; number of scholars. 9; average daily attendance, 8.5: taught by Mattie A. Ellis. When I visited the school the pupils were quiet, studious and obedient, and the progress made, reasonably satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 10—Edminster's. Prudential committee, William Lear; amount of school money, $92.47; length of school in summer, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average daily attendance, 9.35; taught by Mattie E. Westgate. Length of winter school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 14; average daily attendance, 9; taught by Lettie Morgan. Both of these schools were successful, and satisfactory to the district. Apparently there was an intention on the part of the larger scholars to do about right, which is to be commended.

DISTRICT NO. 11—City. Prudential committee, George E. Hilliard; amount of school money, $85.48; length of summer school, 9 weeks; fall school, 10 weeks; number of scholars in summer, 21; average daily attendance, 16; number in fall term, 20; average daily attendance, 15; taught by Mrs. Ella I. Richardson, one of our most experienced and best teachers. A good work was done and satisfaction given.

DISTRICT NO. 12—Poppysquash. Prudential committee, O. A. Kelly; amount of school money, $21.35; length of school, 7 weeks; number of scholars, 7; daily attendance 6; taught by Eva M. Kelley. Miss Kelley did apparently all any one could do in a district in which there are but seven weeks of school in the year, for by the time the school is once organized and at work it is time to close.

DISTRICT NO. 13—N. A. Deming's. Prudential committee, N. A. Deming; amount of school money, $54.04; number of weeks school, 10; number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7.3; taught by Edmund B. Chadbourne,—a very good school, good order, good grogress, and satistaction given so far as I know.

DISTRICT NO. 14—Hempyard. Prudential committee, Frank L. Kimball; amount of school money, $21.85; length of summer school, 8 weeks; fall school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 3; daily attendance, 3; taught by Anna B. Swain of Claremont, with satisfaction to her employers and as much success as could be expected.

DISTRICT NO. 15—Conlin's. Prudential committee, John Conlin; amount of school money, $15; length of school, 4 weeks; number of scholars, 3; average daily attendance, 3; taught by Kate Conlin, with the same quiet, earnest work which she has exhibited toward her little charge in years past.

DISTRICT NO. 16—Texas—Prudential committee, Frank H. Cass; amount of school money, $49.20; length of summer term, 6 weeks; number of scholars, 11; average daily attendance, 4.8. Length of fall term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average daily attendance, 2.6; taught by Jennie M. Raynsford. The school appeared well in the summer, but dwindled away for some unknown reason in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. DEMING, Supt. of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR,

The following having no mark during a term are entitled to a place on the roll of honor. The * indicates two terms; the † three terms:

District No. 1—James B. Chadbourne, George A. Sargent, *Bertie W. Brown.

District No. 2—*Charles E. Bryant, *John G. Bryant, Nellie V. Withy.

District No. 3—Irene C. Chapman, Jennie M. Dana, Annie M. Thrasher, Nellie N. Tracy, Henry W. Dana, Carlton W. Thrasher, Manton J. Thrasher, Weston M. Thrasher, W. B. Tracy.

District No. 4—*Ernest B. Wood, *Herbert E. Wood, Clayton L. Bartlett, *Hattie E. Jones, Elmer W. Bartlett.

District No. 5—Stella Case, Ellen Marcott, Edith Cole, Lucia Walker, Lizzie Walker, Arthur Walker, Walter Walker, Burt Cole.

District No. 6—†Will G. Boynton, †Lottie Little, *Florence Carroll, *Minnie Parker, Jennie S. Bryant, Vonnie Stearns, Lena Kempton, Sarah Davis, Olin Stearns, Horace Stearns, Daniel Stearns, Maurice Carroll, Allie Howard, Clarence Cole, Chester Spaulding.

District No. 7—*Julia A. Ayers, *Mertie K. Cole, *Charles B. Ellis, Louise C. Chase, George E. Baldwin, Gracie B. Jackson, Abbie L. Walker, Mabel A. Walsh, Annie E. Harrington, Eddie J. Beers, *Sybil L. Deming, Carlie L. Deming.

District No. 8—Jennie L. Goward, *Mary E. Goward, *Mabel S. Kenyon, Fannie A. Deming, Martin E. Kenyon, Edward V. Mason, Ivon C. Weld.

District No. 9—Guy M. Dole.

District No. 10—*Verlina R. Pierce, Katie M Thrasher, Joseph Hilliard, Louise I. Chase, Ina F. Hilliard.

District No. 11—*Henry S. Richardson.

District No. 12—Lillian J. Kelley, Nellie A. Huntington, Hattie M. Kelley, Austin C. Huggins.

District No. 13—Fred C. Sturtevant.

District No. 14—*S. Emma Rowell, *Effie A. Rowell.

District No. 15—John H. Conlin, Charles E. Conlin.

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